Talks with NSCN leaders

† 1820. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NSCN leaders visited India for holding talks on an invitation from the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the outcomes of the talks and the demands raised by . them;

(c) whether the NSCN leaders made a point of holding talks in other country only in future; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) At the invitation of the Government of India, NSCN (l/M) leaders came over to India for further dialogue on Naga issue. The group of Ministers held 12 rounds of discussions with NSCN (l/M) leaders during February to May, 2005. The talks are inconclusive and it is not in public interest to disclose the outcome of discussions at this stage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Drug peddling involving neighbours

1821. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been rapid increase in the illegal drug peddling involving the neighbouring countries in the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to curb the menace?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.